

# Fact Sheet – Giant Beaver

**Common Name:** Giant Beaver

**Scientific Name:** *Castoroides dilophidus* (formerly *Castoroides leiseyorum*)

**Kingdom:** ANIMALIA

**Phylum:** CHORDATA

**Class:** MAMMALIA

**Order:** RODENTIA (rodents)

**Family:** CASTORIDAE (beavers)

**Genus:** *Castoroides*

**Species:** *dilophidus*

Herbivore that browsed on very coarse vegetation

**Size:** Could grow to 7 feet long and weigh up to 275 pounds

**Habitat:** Near large bodies of freshwater; rivers, streams, ponds

**Time Range:** Throughout the Pleistocene

Extinct at the end of the Pleistocene

**Related Species:** *Castoroides ohioensis* (a geographic variant from the Pleistocene that did not exist in the southeast)

**Modern Analog:** Modern Beaver (however their behaviors may have varied significantly)

